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In re the Application of:

Bartholf et al.

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

17. A medical device delivery system for a self-expanding stent comprising: an outer sheath comprising an elongated tubular body and a distal section; said sheath comprising an inner Teflon layer having stainless steel braiding disposed thereon, and a coating applied over and bonded to the braiding with the coating of said distal section formed from a light transmissive material;

an inner shaft located coaxially within said outer sheath, said shaft having a distal end and a proximal end;

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